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SENATE BILL

No. 1063

Introduced by Senator Block

February 18, 2014

An act to add Section 2105.7 to the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1063, as amended, Block. Voter registration: juvenile detention facilities.

Under existing law, a person is entitled to register to vote if he or she is a United States citizen, a resident of California, not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election.

This bill would require state and local juvenile detention facilities to identify individuals housed in those facilities who are of age to register to vote, ~~to assist those individuals with the completion of the voter registration card,~~ to provide voter registration cards *affidavits of registration* to eligible voters, *to assist those individuals with the completion of the affidavits of registration,* and to transmit ~~the~~ completed voter registration cards to the county elections official *or to assist individuals in returning the completed cards to the county elections official.*

By requiring local officials to perform additional duties, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2105.7 is added to the Elections Code,
2 to read:

3 2105.7. (a) A state or local juvenile detention facility,
4 including, but not limited to, a juvenile hall, juvenile ranch, juvenile
5 camp, or a facility of the Department of Corrections and
6 Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice, shall do all of the
7 following:

8 (1) Identify each individual housed in the facility who is of age
9 to register to vote.

10 ~~(2) Assist each individual identified pursuant to paragraph (1)~~
11 ~~with the completion of the voter registration card, unless the~~
12 ~~individual declines assistance.~~

13 ~~(3)~~

14 (2) Provide ~~a voter registration card~~ *an affidavit of registration*
15 to each individual housed in the facility who is of age to register
16 to vote: *by doing either of the following:*

17 (A) *Providing the individual a paper affidavit of registration.*

18 (B) *Directing the individual to an affidavit of registration*
19 *provided on the Internet Web site of a county or the Secretary of*
20 *State.*

21 (3) *Assist each individual housed in the facility who is of age*
22 *to register to vote with the completion of the affidavit of*
23 *registration, unless the individual declines assistance.*

24 ~~(4) Accept any completed voter registration cards and transmit~~
25 ~~the cards to the county elections official pursuant to the~~
26 ~~requirements of subdivision (b).~~

27 (b) A facility providing ~~voter registration cards~~ *paper affidavits*
28 *of registration* pursuant to subdivision (a) shall ~~transmit a~~

1 ~~completed card to the county elections official as follows~~ *do either*
2 *of the following:*

3 *(1) Accept any completed voter registration card and transmit*
4 *the card to the county elections official as follows:*

5 ~~(1)~~

6 *(A) Except as provided in ~~paragraph (2)~~ subparagraph (B),*
7 *within 10 days of receipt from an individual housed in the facility.*

8 ~~(2)~~

9 *(B) Within five days of receipt from an individual housed in the*
10 *facility, if the voter registration card was received within five days*
11 *before the last day for registration to vote in an election.*

12 *(2) Assist the individual who completed the voter registration*
13 *card in returning the completed card to the county elections*
14 *official.*

15 ~~(e) A state or local juvenile detention facility is encouraged to~~
16 ~~work with the Secretary of State to achieve compliance with the~~
17 ~~requirements set forth in the federal National Voter Registration~~
18 ~~Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973gg et seq.) when providing voter~~
19 ~~registration services pursuant to subdivision (a).~~

20 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
21 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
22 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
23 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
24 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.